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<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>5</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of _____ sheets, as follows:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the International Bureau only) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in electronic form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p>4. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. I Basis of the report</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II Priority</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI Certain documents cited</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application</p>

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:
pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the claims:
pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:
pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets _____
 the sequence listing (*specify*) : _____
 any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*) : _____
4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets _____
 the sequence listing (*specify*) : _____
 any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*) : _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention

1. In response to the invitation to restrict or pay additional fees the applicant has, within the applicable time limit:
 - restricted the claims
 - paid additional fees
 - paid additional fees under protest and, where applicable, the protest fee
 - paid additional fees under protest but the applicable protest fee was not paid
 - neither restricted nor paid additional fees.
2. This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied with and chose, according to Rule 68.1, not to invite the applicant to restrict or pay additional fees.
3. This Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is :
 - complied with.
 - not complied with for the following reasons:

Claim 7 is directed to a health food, and claim 8 is directed to a pharmaceutical composition.

Although claims 7 and 8 are relevant to the composition comprising the same active ingredient, there is no technical relationship among a pharmaceutical composition and health food.

Hence, the application contains the following separate groups of inventions not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept (PCT Rule 13.1) :

 - i) Claims 1-7
 - ii) Claims 1-6 and 8

4. Consequently, this report has been established in respect of the following parts of the international application :

- all parts.
- the parts relating to claims Nos.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	3	YES
	Claims	1, 2, 4-8	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	3	YES
	Claims	1, 2, 4-8	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-8	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The present invention relates to a composition for the improvement or treatment of erectile dysfunction, comprising an alcohol extract of ogalpi (= *Acanthopanax Cortex*) as an active ingredient.

The following document has been considered for the purpose of this report :

D1 = JP 2000-319191 A (21. 11. 2000)

1) Novelty & Inventive step

Claims 1, 2 and 4-8 relate to an alcohol extract of ogalpi such as *Acanthopanax senticosus*, and a composition comprising the same as an active ingredient for the improvement or treatment of erectile dysfunction.

The cited document D1 states that an alcohol extract of *Acanthopanax senticosus* has the cGMP-phosphodiesterase inhibitory activity and is useful for preventing and treating erectile dysfunction.

Therefore, the subject-matter of claims 1, 2 and 4-8 is neither novel nor inventive (PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3)).

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Supplemental Box

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Box V.

On the other hand, claim 3 relates to an extract of *Acanthopanax divaricatus* var. *albeofructus* for improving erectile dysfunction.

Even though D1 are relevant to the present invention, it does not describe the use of *Acanthopanax divaricatus* var. *albeofructus* extract for improving or treating erectile dysfunction.

As a consequence, claim 3 meets the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3).

2) Industrial applicability

Claims 1–8 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4).

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